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I. Introduction

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking applicants to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data, especially data from previously funded NIJ projects. Awards of up to \$35,000 will be made to support research to be conducted within a nine-month period.

Due dates for proposals are August 15, and December 15, 1998.

Of particular interest are:

- ! Studies that will replicate findings from previously supported NIJ research.
- ! Studies using archived data sets containing similar information collected at different times or from different sites.
- ! Applications of alternative or emerging statistical techniques and methodologies to archived data sets that extend the understanding of criminal justice processes and criminal behavior.
- ! Research on archived data sets that explores the development of applications of direct benefit to practitioners.

II. Priority Topics

The Institute is particularly interested in, although not exclusively interested in, innovative proposals addressing the following issues:

- ! Sentencing, including measures of implementation and "success," intermediate sanctions, and consequences of sentencing policy.
- ! Drugs and the Criminal Justice System, including analyses of Arrestee Drug Abuse

Monitoring (ADAM) System—formerly the DUF Program—data, and data examining drug testing/treatment programs.

! Violence, including examination of the correlates of violent criminal behavior and the influences of drugs and gangs.

! Policing, including community policing and problem-oriented policing.

III. To Obtain Data

More than 200 NIJ-sponsored data sets, covering a wide range of criminal justice issues, are currently available. A copy of the latest catalog describing these data, *Data Resources of the National Institute of Justice*, is available from the National Institute of Justice/NCJRS, Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-851-3420. The catalog is available on diskette from the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan (ICPSR) at 800-999-0960.

Data collections (and abstracts and codebooks) are now available for downloading via the World Wide Web pages of the NACJD at ICPSR. Connect to the NACJD home page using the following URL:

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/nacjd>

For information about obtaining data sets other than through the NACJD Web site, call 800-999-0960. Questions or comments can also be sent to nacjd@icpsr.umich.edu.

Copies of user guides and codebooks are available at no charge from NACJD, ICPSR, Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, 800-999-0960 or 313-763-5011.

IV. Award Information

Researchers from all disciplines who are interested in addressing topical criminal justice policy concerns through the exploration and analysis of archived data are encouraged to apply. Awards will not be made to individuals to conduct additional analyses on data they collected under a previous NIJ grant or contract.

Particular consideration will be given to proposals that provide direct applications to criminal justice policy or practice or that suggest innovative applications of emerging statistical techniques and analytic methodologies.

Applicants should demonstrate familiarity with the data that they propose to analyze and with literature related to the data. Of particular importance is demonstrating that the data are appropriate for proposed analyses.

With complex datasets it may be appropriate to reproduce the major analyses of the original study to ensure comparability before embarking on new analyses. A proposal review criterion will be whether applicants have addressed the need for reproducing original analyses and, if it is germane, have planned for such analyses.

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For more information, contact Dr. Jordan Leiter, Data Resources Program, National Institute of Justice, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20531. (202-616-9487, or leiterj@ojp.usdoj.gov)

Awards Made During the 1997 Fiscal Year:

Brian Wiersema
University of Maryland at College Park
Victimization Outcomes: What Influences Victim Compliance, Injury & Crime Completion

Christopher D. Maxwell
Joint Centers for Justice Studies
The Impact of Community & Legal Context on the Adjudication & Sentencing Process

R. Barry Ruback
The Pennsylvania State University
Repeat & Multiple Victimizations: The Role of Individual & Contextual Factors

Andre Rosay
University of Maryland-College Park
The Validity of Self-Reported Drug Use Across 5 Factors

V. How to Apply

Those interested in submitting proposals in response to this solicitation must complete the required application forms and submit related required documents. (See below for how to obtain application forms and guides for completing proposals.) Applicants must include the following information/forms to qualify for funding:

- Standard Form (SF) 424—application for Federal assistance
- Assurances
- Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (one form)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Budget Detail Worksheet
- Negotiated indirect rate agreement (if appropriate)
- Names and affiliations of all key persons from applicant and subcontractor(s), advisors, consultants, and advisory board members. Include name of principal investigator, title, organizational affiliation (if any), department (if institution of higher education), address, phone, and fax.
- Proposal abstract
- Table of contents

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- Program narrative or technical proposal
- Privacy certificate
- References
- Letters of cooperation from organizations collaborating in the research project.
- Résumés
- Appendixes, if any (e.g., list of previous NIJ awards, their status, and products [in NIJ or other publications]).

Obtaining application forms. To obtain application forms (including a sample budget worksheet) and guidelines for submitting proposals (including requirements for proposal writers and requirements for grant recipients), applicants can:

- Access the Justice Information Center on the Web: <http://www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm#NIJ>. At this site, the NIJ application forms and guidelines are available as electronic files that may be downloaded to a personal computer.
- Request hard copies of the forms and guidelines by mail from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service at 800–851–3420 or from the Department of Justice Response Center at 800–421–6770 (in the Washington, D.C., area, at 202–307–1480).
- Request copies by fax. Call 800–851–3420 and select option 1, then option 1 again for NIJ. Code is 1023.

Send completed forms to:

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